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### KNOW YOUR COMMITTEE

Vice President and Sightings Investigator, Mr. Geoffrey S. Rumpf has been a member of the V.F.S.R.S. since the inaugural meeting in February 1957. He was the Society's first librarian and is the Society's first sightings investigation officer. He was educated at Scotch College, Melbourne and has worked at the University of Melbourne as a research assistant and has been employed in many different fields of selling.



He is currently employed as a Publisher's Representative. During the last six years he has travelled extensively overseas. Mr. Rumpf is active in the sport of Pistol Shooting and is President of Mountain District Pistol Club.

### EDITORIAL

*The recent comment by the United States Air Force chief U.F.O. consultant, Dr. Alan J. Hynek, that the U.S.A.F. should "put up or shut up" with regard to U.F.O. signifies that the exasperation felt by ufologists for many years has now penetrated right through to the A.F.'s own back yard, so to speak.*

*It is significant that within a short time of Dr. Hynek's statement on U.F.O. secrecy, the A.F. announced a grant of \$300,000 to the University of Colorado, for civilian scientific research into the reality and nature of U.F.O. and they expect a report from the 100 scientists who will be contributing to the project, by early 1968.*

*The A.F. neglects to mention that since it first began officially investigating U.F.O. reports in 1947 many times this amount has been spent.*

*To launch one aircraft to investigate an unknown reputedly costs \$10,000 and how many times has this happened since 1947?*

*It would be a good start if the A.F. were to give an open, objective account of its own research since it began investigating U.F.O. twenty years ago. Even if this does not reveal the full answer to the U.F.O. enigma, it would be a massive foundation for the scientists at University of Colorado to build their analysis upon.*

*Let us also hope that the vast amount of evidence amassed by U.F.O. research groups throughout the world is not disregarded by these eminent gentlemen, for amongst the chaff there is undoubtedly much wheat.*

*In our own country, Australia, it has been demonstrated many times that our Government follows closely the facts and figures issued by the U.S.A.F. to explain U.F.O.'s away.*

*It would be a magnificent act indeed if our Government were once again to follow the lead of the U.S.A.F. and appropriate a large sum of money for investigation by the C.S.I.R.O. or some other agency, into the phenomenon of U.F.O.*

**DARE WE HOPE?**

G. Rumpf.



## YOUTH WILL SHOW THE WAY

by Brinsley Le Poer Trench, author of "The Flying Saucer Story".

*The following is an article written exclusively for the VFSRS by Brinsley Le Poer Trench, author of "The Flying Saucer Story".*

A new wind of cosmic awareness is blowing across the world – the forerunner of big events – one of which will be the eventual re-establishment of open contact with our friends, the Sky People.

Since June 24th 1947, when Kenneth Arnold sighted nine gleaming saucers near Mt. Rainier in the State of Washington, U.S.A., there have been over a quarter of a million recorded sightings all over the world. Actually, that is probably a conservative estimate as a recent Gallup Poll in the United States established that five million people in that country alone claim to have seen flying saucers.

These amazing craft have been seen over every country, every ocean and the polar regions. They have been observed by military and civilian pilots, naval personnel, coastguards, police, farmers, businessmen and people in every walk of life. They have been photographed, filmed and tracked many times on radar.

Despite all this ever mounting dossier of evidence the authorities have not announced that the saucers are real. Neither have they made any attempt to educate public opinion and prepare the way for an eventual announcement. I would emphasise that this silence on the subject stems more from the big powers than smaller countries. Indeed, there is considerable interest in the saucers among some of these countries as you will see from the account of my trip to Japan in this article.

I have a hunch that general recognition of the flying saucers will come from the people themselves. And that the young people of the world will achieve this end. If our Elders and Rulers will not tell the people then thousands of young men and women with uncluttered minds will take the initiative. Already, they have begun this wonderful work. That is one reason why the International Sky Scouts have been formed. It was a great Teacher who came to this planet nearly 2,000 years ago who said: "A little child shall lead them".

The Sky Scouts now number over 10,000 and have members in eighteen countries – Argentine, Australia, Austria, Brazil, Canada, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, England, Germany (East), Germany (West), Italy, Japan, New Zealand, Norway, Spain, Sweden, U.S.A., and Venezuela.

The headquarters of the Sky Scouts is in Japan. In that country there is a very large and progressive flying saucer group, the Cosmic Brotherhood Association (CBA). The Head Counsellor is a very enlightened man, a former test pilot, Yusuke J. Matsumura. He has done wonders to spread the reality of flying saucers in his own country. The CBA also have about 10,000 members, including a junior section with half that number. The latter are now all Sky Scouts and constitute half of the international membership.

I have the honour to be Chairman of the International Committee of Sky Scouts and it is part of my work to appoint International Committee members in various countries and liaison between them. These Committee Members recruit Sky Scouts in their respective countries, and arrange local activities.

These activities are many and varied, including regular Sky Watches, lectures on many aspects of flying saucers, discussion groups, listening to tape recordings, flying saucer exhibitions, the study of gravity, astronomy, electronics, and other space age subjects, model-making, and in some countries films can be hired for a nominal fee showing our own astronauts in flight. Then, too, most countries have their own legends of space people coming from the skies in ancient times and study should be made of these, together with visits to archaeological sites of interest where our visitors may have landed.

Local Sky Scout libraries should be started and people encouraged to donate books for the use of members. Suitable books about flying saucers, cosmogony, astronomy, ancient civilisations and space age subjects.

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## YOUTH WILL SHOW THE WAY (Continued from the previous page.)

Sky Scouts should be encouraged to arrange their own group activities. Obviously, some guidance and assistance should come from National Committee Members, but self-reliance and initiative are needed to make Sky Scouting a live and healthy movement.

It was, therefore, as Chairman of International Sky Scouts (ISS), that Yusuke J. Matsumura and the CBA invited me out to Japan. My actual trip was just like a fairy story. Only in this particular instance it happened to be true!

I do not wish to appear to be boasting in this article about my marvellous reception and all the wonderful things that happened to me in the Land of the Rising Sun, but I feel that it is important that your readers should have the full facts and appreciate the progress that the CBA have made in getting the subject sympathetically considered by many important people there. The CBA is a very live movement, not only in numbers but because every one of their 10,000 members is doing something. They are all participating in the varied work and not just subscribing to magazines. They have a fine arts division which makes its own posters and banners. That is just one example of what I mean by member participation.

As I came down the gangway from the BOAC Boeing 707 at Tokyo International Airport on the evening of June 16th I found myself in the midst of a tumultuous reception. Cameras were flashing from every direction and a big crowd on top of the terminal building was waving and cheering. After going through the airport formalities I was ushered into the VIP lounge where I met my host, Mr. Matsumura, his wife and his sister, as well as various officials and members of the CBA. Half a dozen attractive girls in kimonos presented me with bouquets of lovely flowers. There were speeches of welcome and champagne, and I must have bowed to and shaken hands with a hundred or more good people. Outside a huge American car with a Union Jack flying awaited me and I was driven off to the Imperial Hotel complete with enough flowers to start a flower shop.

On arrival at the hotel I was escorted up to the Imperial Suite and there I had a much needed sleep after the long flight, right through to the middle of the next afternoon.

That evening I attended a special reception given for me in the hotel's Plum Tree Room. Over 300 people, including several Ambassadors to Japan, were at the reception which went on for three and a half hours.

On June 19th I gave two talks in Tokyo's Chamber of Commerce and Industry (one in the morning to Sky Scouts and the other in the afternoon to senior members of the CBA). There was a capacity audience of about a thousand people on each occasion. As I came on to the stage the British National Anthem was played and the whole audience stood up. More flowers were presented to me before I began my lecture. This happened both in the morning and in the afternoon. Both talks were enthusiastically received.

In the afternoon before I gave my talk, Mr. Matsumura showed some interesting slides of flying saucers and of ancient sites in Japan where the Sky People had landed long ago.

A very important event occurred just before I gave my talks. A picture of the President of the Philippines, Ferdinand E. Marcos, was flashed on to the screen at the back of the stage and the following message from the President was read out and shown on the screen, too.....

Office of the President  
of the Philippines

### MESSAGE

The possibility of our planet's receiving visitors from outer space is, I am certain, not remote in the face of the wonders that we, right here, have witnessed; and indeed it is a thought, an idea, that brings intense and magical excitement which I, for one, would not unduly set aside until all avenues pro and con have been examined.

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I am often staggered by the thought of the vastness of our universe and the massive secrets the skies hold, which we on this earth have barely scratched. Since I am of an adventurous bent, I shall not be the first to say that it is not possible for other planets to be inhabited, nor that people in outer space, or whatever creatures they are, do not have the capability which earth people are now developing to travel through space and perhaps discover other planets.

My good wishes therefore go to your conference, which I sincerely hope will be able to present more concrete evidences of this most tantalising idea of "sky people" among us.

FERDINAND E. MARCOS  
President of the Phillipines.

This wonderful message from such a distinguished and exalted man gave us all great encouragement and buoyed me up with enthusiasm for my assignment in Japan.

Another message was received by the CBA from no less a person than President Nasser of the United Arab Republic. This was sent on behalf of the President by Mr. Saleh Khalil, Ambassador of the U.A.R. in Tokyo. It too, offered sincere good wishes for the occasion.

The next day I flew to the South of Japan. As my plane landed at Kumanoto I was again given an enthusiastic welcome by the local members of the CBA and another huge car and chauffeur was put at my disposal. More flowers and a splendid suite at the local hotel.

Then I was driven to Kyushu where I toured local ancient sites of interest, including the famous "Chip-san" tomb. It was on the walls of this tomb that I saw depicted an ancient Japanese Sun King holding up his arms to greet seven sun discs. Incidentally, the words "chip-san" in the Ainu language mean "the place where the sun came down". Draw your own conclusions!

Another aeroplane took me to Kyoto where there are some lovely gardens. The Japanese are well-known for their traditional style of garden.

I returned to Tokyo by the famous crack train that travels at over one hundred miles per hour, but as the train runs so smoothly there was little sensation of speed. The train was spotlessly clean, very comfortable and spacious.

On June 24th I was flown, together with diplomats and members of the press, in a specially chartered Boeing 727, from Tokyo to Chitose Airport in Hokkaido Island. This is in the north of Japan. From the airport we travelled in a fleet of cars to Haiopira where the special Sun Pyramid Ceremony was to take place. During the last year the CBA themselves built this fantastic Sun Pyramid as a memorial to Okikurumi-kamui, who according to the legends of the Ainu people - a very ancient race - had landed on that spot at Haiopira aeons ago bringing them much wisdom, including a knowledge of Agriculture and of Sun Worship. Eventually, Okikurumi-kamui went back to his home in the skies aboard a 'shintu' which means golden cradle in the Ainu language. Today, the Ainus say the shintu was bright silver in the daytime and red at night. I would like to mention that Mr. Matsumura presented me with a traditional Ainu robe, beautifully embroidered with sun discs!

The date chosen for the inauguration of the Sun Pyramid, June 24th, was also International Flying Saucer Sighting Day and the anniversary of Arnold's famous sighting nearly twenty years ago.

It was my privilege to inaugurate the Sun Pyramid. I am happy to state that nineteen Ambassadors to Japan from various countries attended this ceremony - an unheard of thing in the history of Ufology! Those present included the Ambassadors from the Argentine Republic, Austria, Cambodia, Chile, China (Formosa), Iraq, Italy, Korea, Laos, the Lebanon, Malaysia, Mexico, Morocco, Nepal, Paraguay, Peru, Portugal, Uruguay and Venezuela. In addition the Egyptian Embassy sent members of their staff.

Although the British and United States Embassies were conspicuous by their absence - they had been invited - it was most encouraging to have the support and friendly interest of so many diplomats on such an occasion.

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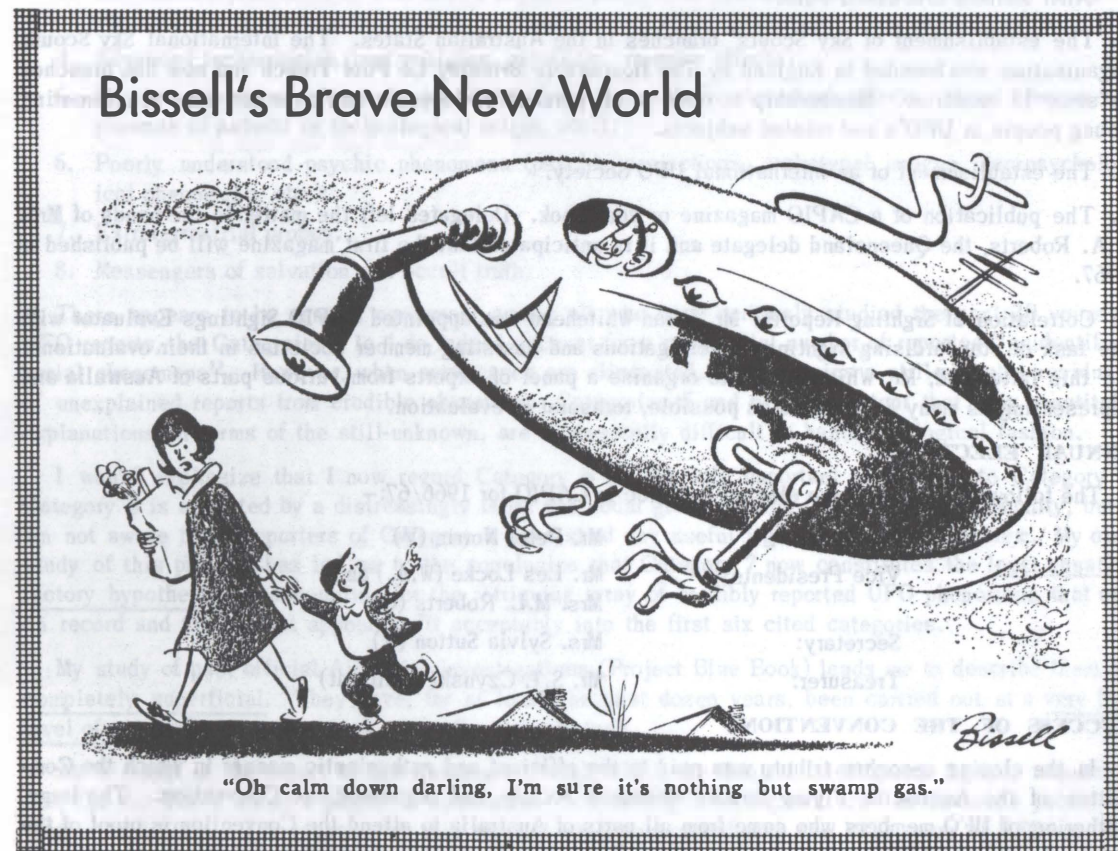
I inaugurated the Pyramid by cutting a tape stretched across the base of the immense structure. Then, I started my long climb up the 197 steps which go right up the face of the Pyramid. The CBA had installed microphones on a platform at the summit. There, I delivered a short Inaugural Address.

The Ceremony ended with some traditional dancing by the Ainu people. The assembled Ambassadors came over one by one and gave me their congratulations. Afterwards everyone relaxed in a large marquee adjoining the site where refreshments were served.

My last few days in Tokyo were taken up with some sightseeing, shopping and talks with the CBA. Finally, I came home by BOAC after a tumultuous send-off at the International Airport. All in all, it was a two weeks that will remain etched in my memory for ever.

I think that we in the West should congratulate our Japanese friends on their great achievements, not only in building up a big and lively flying saucer movement but in attracting the interest and attention of so many diplomatic representatives. They are really doing a marvellous job in putting over the biggest and greatest event in the history of mankind - the reality and coming of the Sky People.

End.



THE NASHVILLE TENNESSEAN, Tuesday, March 29, 1966



## SECOND CAPIO CONFERENCE

### AUSTRALIA UFO DELEGATES' IMPORTANT DISCUSSIONS

The second CAPIO (Commonwealth Aerial Phenomena Investigation Organisation) Convention was held in Adelaide, South Australia, on October 8th and 9th.

The session held on October 8th consisted of a number of papers and tape recorded programmes prepared by member societies, and these ranged over a wide variety of topics and were of a uniformly high standard.

In the evening session, members were treated to a screening of fine space films recently released by NASA and presented by Mr. Brian Whitehead, the Australian Flying Saucer Research Society's technical officer.

On the Sunday morning delegates met to discuss formal matters. Before the session began delegates were advised that the US Air Force had just granted a sum of \$300,000 to the University of Colorado for the purpose of investigating UFO's and this naturally became the main topic for discussion at the meeting. Decision was finally reached that the Australian Minister for Air should be approached with a request that a similar scheme to the Colorado project be instituted here, with the CSIRO or a University being given responsibility for undertaking the investigation. The Minister's decision on this matter will be eagerly awaited.

Other matters discussed were:-

1. The establishment of Sky Scouts' branches in the Australian States. The International Sky Scouts organisation was founded in England by The Honourable Brinsley Le Poer Trench and now has branches in some 18 countries. Membership is open to all persons of 15 years and over and aims at interesting young people in UFO's and related subjects.
2. The establishment of an international UFO Society.
3. The publication of a CAPIO magazine or year book. Delegates left the matter in the hands of Mrs. M.A. Roberts, the Queensland delegate and it is anticipated that the first magazine will be published in 1967.
4. Correlation of Sighting Reports. Mr. Brian Whitehead was appointed CAPIO Sightings Evaluator with the task of standardising sightings investigations and assisting member societies in their evaluations. To this latter end, Mr. Whitehead is to organise a panel of experts from various parts of Australia and representing as many disciplines as possible, to assist in evaluation.

### ANNUAL ELECTIONS:

The following persons were elected to office in CAPIO for 1966/67:-

President:	Mr. Peter Norris (V)
Vice Presidents:	Mr. Les Locke (W.A.) and Mrs. M.L. Roberts (Q)
Secretary:	Mrs. Sylvia Sutton (V)
Treasurer:	Mr. S.J. Czynski (Ballarat)

### SUCCESS OF THE CONVENTION:

In the closing speeches tribute was paid to the efficient and enthusiastic manner in which the Committee of the Australian Flying Saucer Research Society had organised the Convention. The large gathering of UFO members who came from all parts of Australia to attend the Convention is proof of the vital role which CAPIO is now playing, and will continue to play, in Australian flying saucer research.

## THE PROBLEM OF THE UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

A condensation of a talk given October 19th, 1966, by James E. McDonald, to the District of Columbia Chapter of the American Meteorological Society, Washington, D.C.

Mr. McDonald is a Senior Physicist of the Institute of Atmospheric Physics, and Professor, Department of Meteorology, the University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona.

"Careful scrutiny of hundreds of the better UFO reports from quite credible observers during the past twenty years (and longer) reveals that not only does it seem impossible to explain them away in terms of atmospheric physics, but also the other officially proposed categories of geophysical, astronomical, technological, and psychological hypotheses fail to encompass the UFO phenomena. Reasons were given for regarding as probably the least unsatisfactory hypothesis that of the extraterrestrial nature of the UFOs. Serious shortcomings in the past official investigations of the UFO problem were discussed, and a radical change in the level of scientific study of the problem was urged.

One might group past and current explanations of the Unidentified Flying Objects (UFO's) into eight broad categories comprising the following spectrum of UFO hypotheses:

1. Hoaxes, fabrications, and frauds;
2. Hallucinations, mass hysteria, rumor phenomena;
3. Lay misinterpretations of well-known physical phenomena (meteorological, astronomical, optical-etc.);
4. Advanced technologies (test vehicles, satellites, re-entry effects);
5. Poorly understood physical phenomena (rare atmospheric-electrical effects, cloud phenomena, plasmas of natural or technological origin, etc.);
6. Poorly understood psychic phenomena (psychic projections, archetypal images, parapsychological phenomena, etc.);
7. Extraterrestrial probes;
8. Messengers of salvation and occult truth.

There appears to be general agreement among all who have seriously studied the past 20 years of UFO reports, that Categories 1 to 4 do indeed account for a substantial number of reported "unidentified aerial phenomena". However, when such cases are eliminated, there remains a still-sizeable residuum of unexplained reports from credible observers. Categories 5 and 6 to the extent that they constitute explanations in terms of the still-unknown, are intrinsically difficult to handle in logical fashion.

I would emphasize that I now regard Category 6 as the only important alternative to Category 7. Category 8 is accepted by a distressingly large and vocal group outside the scientific community, but I am not aware that supporters of Category 8 have shed any useful light on the basic problem. My own study of this problem has led me to the conclusion that Category 7 now constitutes the least unsatisfactory hypothesis for accounting for the intriguing array of credibly reported UFO phenomena that are on record and that do not appear to fit acceptably into the first six cited categories.

My study of past official Air Force investigations (Project Blue Book) leads me to describe them as completely superficial. They have, for at least the past dozen years, been carried out at a very low level of scientific competence as a very low priority task.

As a result of the report of the Robertson Panel, 1953, the Central Intelligence Agency requested that the Air Force adopt a policy of systematic "debunking of flying saucers" to decrease public attention of UFO's. The reasons for this request were associated with the 1952 wave of UFO reports, which was the largest ever to be recorded in the United States. So many UFO reports were flooding into air bases throughout the country and other parts of the world in the summer of 1952 that the CIA regarded them as creating a national security problem.

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## SIGHTS SET ON OBJECTS IN SKY

UFOlogy may become the biggest thing in Australia since the Boy Scout movement.

The Commonwealth Aerial Phenomena Investigation Organisation, known as CAPIO, has launched a campaign to recruit as many UFOlogists in country and outback areas as possible.

And they plan to start a "Junior Sky-Spot" movement as a subsidiary organisation soon.

But just what is a UFO-logy?

According to the Victorian Flying Saucer Research Society, he is a person dedicated to the study of unidentified flying objects — or flying saucers — and to furthering the search of possible contact with beings from other worlds.

More than 100 UFO-logyists are meeting in Adelaide for the second annual CAPIO convention. CAPIO secretary, Melbourne solicitor Mr Peter Morris, believes the whole UFO question should be handed to the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation.

"It is time the UFO problem was investigated on a scientific basis instead of being left to the crackpots and charlatans," Mr Morris said.

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"HERALD" Melbourne, Vic.

## Sky "Fan" Reported In Dongara

DONGARA, Fri: Many reports have been received of an unidentified flying object sighted in the sky near Irwin, 12 miles east of Dongara, on Wednesday night.

The first sighting was reported by a man in a car traveling towards Dongara about 8 p.m.

Mr G. Faulkner, school teacher, of Dongara, said a bright fan-shaped light, coming to a focal point at the base, shone straight up into the sky.

The object was sighted low in the western sky over water, rising quickly and travelling overhead towards the east.

## "WEST AUSTRALIAN" Perth, W.A. 29/10/66

The light faded as it moved higher.

Many others in Dongara confirmed the reports.

**S.W. Sighting**

BALINGUP, Fri: A group of people attending a Balingup meeting on Wednesday night saw a bright glow on the western horizon.

As they watched about 8 p.m., a brilliant beam of light appeared and traversed the sky in a high-level arc to a point directly overhead.

Farmer Stanley Grimes said the beam of light did not resemble a meteor or a satellite.

## UFO body meets

ADELAIDE, Sunday.

The RAAF should be relieved of the duty of investigating unidentified flying objects and the investigation should be widened to include scientific organisations, the CSIRO for example, the president of CAPIO, Mr P. E. Norris, said at the weekend.

CAPIO — the Commonwealth Aerial Phenomena Investigation Organisation — held its annual conference in Adelaide this weekend.

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# 3 UFOs ORBIT EARTH

## U.S. REVEALS A SPACE MYSTERY

Australian Associated Press

WASHINGTON, Tues. — Three objects orbiting the earth do not appear to have been launched by any nation.

American space scientists have been tracking them for several months.

But they hesitated about announcing their presence for fear of causing talk of flying saucers.

The UFOs (unidentified flying objects) mystery came out today in the routine satellite situation report of the U.S. Space Agency.

It was the first time since publication of the report began in 1958 that unidentified objects have been reported in earth orbit.

Informed sources said some scientists thought the objects were debris from some space launching, but do not know which one.

**Most go through**

There was some speculation, too, that the three objects might be meteoroids, but scientists said this was highly unlikely since two of them were in the same orbital path.

Two of the objects are orbiting at an angle to the earth often used by the U.S. in launching both secret and unclassified satellites from California.

One is in a path 385 by 3945 miles, and the other swings from 460 to 3800 miles from the earth. The third is in a 128 by 4298 mile path.

The report, while published by the civilian Space Agency, is compiled by the space detection centre of the North American Air De-

fence Command (NORAD) at Colorado Springs, Colorado.

NORAD, a joint operation of the U.S. and Canadian Air Forces, is assigned the task of keeping track of every man-made object over North American skies and in space.

Professor Hopper, of Melbourne University's Physics Department, said today meteoroids in orbit were only now being detected with modern radar equipment.

"But it is unusual for them to be found in orbit because of the extremely high speed at which they approach the earth," he said.

Most slipped through his atmosphere to become meteors or crashed into the earth intact as meteorites.

"The statement was made in answer to a question asked by Congressman Nedzi of Michigan. We also have letters written by the RAAF secretary stating that they co-operated with other government agencies, including the United States.

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"It took Philip to not it off."

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"BARRIER TRUTH" Broken Hill, N.S.W. 12/7/66

# Official U.S. probe to find . . . WHO PILOT THE SAUCERS?

WASHINGTON, Today.

— A major investigation to decide whether flying saucers are really flown by pilots and crews from outer space or are a figment of the imagination, was announced here yesterday.

The U.S. Air Force, which has scoffed at claims that they are manned by extraterrestrial beings, bowed to public pressure and gave the University of Colorado \$US300,000 (\$A297,857) to try to find out the truth.

More than 100 scientists of the university and other scientific institutions will take part in the search for evidence about mysterious sightings which on occasions have thrown humans into a state of shock and panic.

Airline pilots have reported being chased by flying saucers in the sky, and on the ground, witnesses including hardened police-

men, claim to have seen full report was expected early in 1966.

It seemed that the university would have complete independence, without military direction.

The official Air Force stand so far is that it does not deny the possibility of life on other planets, but has no evidence proving the existence of extra-terrestrial flight. — A.A.P.

So many sightings were alleged that pressure built up last Spring for a congressional investigation, and even Congressman Gerald Ford, Republican Leader in the House of Representatives, joined in the demand.

The Air Force, announcing the contract to the University of Colorado, said a

"MERCURY" Hobart, Tas. 9/10/66

When the pilot landed at Canberra, UFO crews were on hand to confiscate the film and silence the crew.

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# "Mystery Magazine"

In this week's "Australasian Post", there is an article entitled "Our Greatest Mystery Magazine".

The article refers to the "Australian Flying Saucer Review", published by the Victorian Flying Saucer Research Society.

The current issue of the magazine reproduces two stories in "BDT" concerning UFO (unidentified flying objects) reports in the West Darling area.

Writing to this paper, Mr Paul Norman, public relations officer for the society, says the efforts of "BDT" to bring UFO reports to the public are appreciated.

**AWAITING NEXT EXPEDITION**

He continues: "At the present time, with a request for all available back issues, is quiet in our area."

"BARRIER TRUTH" Broken Hill, N.S.W.

8/9/66

but we look forward, with interest, to the next "Flying saucer" expedition to the altonian Flying Saucer Research Society.

"We appreciate all reports from people in your area who see UFOs."

Saying that his society is playing a leading role in solving the riddle of the skies, Mr Norman continued that orders from newspapers and book shops indicated the society's next edition of its "Review" would number in the thousands.

"A few weeks ago, the United Nations Library, New York, subscribed to our fascinating publication, with a request for all available back issues," Mr Norman said.

"BARRIER TRUTH" Broken Hill, N.S.W.

# CURVED Light Rays Seen Coming From Object In Sky

Two more reports of UFO sightings came in yesterday to BDT following publication yesterday of a saucer over Wilcannia in 1956.

The first was from one of Church of England pastor and his son and the manager of the Aboriginal reserve were in the car.

"With his friend, Tom Murkins, he was walking home on the Friday night before Anzac Day, at about midnight, when they saw a brilliantly lighted object in the sky to the south east.

There was broken cloud at the time, and the object soon rose straight up to hover in and under the lower fringes of the clouds.

**BINOCULARS**

Using a pair of binoculars they examined it more closely.

After moving around the sky, under the cloud base in an eccentric manner, but either travelling in straight lines or hovering motionless, it suddenly shot up through the clouds and disappeared from sight.

Peter's brother, Mr John Niel, manager of the Highway Service Station, said he had not been with the two men at the time of the sighting, although he had sky-watched with them on many occasions.

"I can vouch for their sobriety," he said "neither of them has more than a few actual drinks."

**EERIE**

An even eerier sighting was reported by a local school headmaster, Mr D. Willis of Railwatown Primary School. This January, just before he was posted to Broken Hill, he was leaving the Wallage Aboriginal Station, not far from Nowra Naval Air Station of the South Coast of NSW in a car about 9.30 p.m.

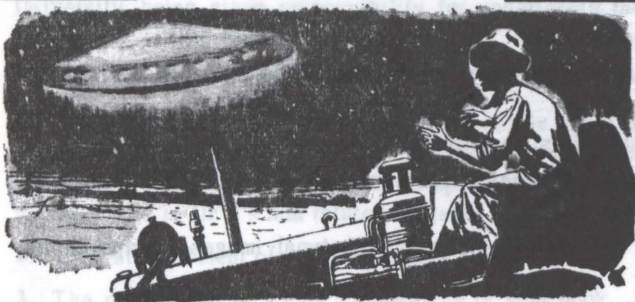
He and his wife, the local

celerated from 0 to at least 1,000 mph within two or three seconds, shooting away from us at an angle.

**ACCELERATED**

"As we got out of the car and looked back the brightly lighted object was still hovering, but as we watched, it ac-

"It was twice the length of our shed . . . a ghostly shape with vapour trails and flashing red lights . . ." says a young West Australian of an amazing encounter . . .



"I was scared . . . I felt like crawling away to hide!"

By PETER BEST

"I HAD just looked at my watch and it was 7 minutes to midnight when I saw what I thought was the biggest falling star I had ever seen coming straight down about a mile away. It was three times as large as the largest star I have ever seen . . ."

So began the story of a young Western Australian farmer who recently came face-to-face with the unbelievable — a flying craft which seemed to have come from another world.

The story, told by Ord cotton farmer Philip Johnston, bears striking similarities to those of Americans Barney and Betty Hill, whose eerie experiences were documented in "The Sun-Herald" last month.

It is an amazing story, told in a plain, straightforward way.

The date: August 14, 1966.

The place: A cotton farm, Kununurra, Western Australia.

Philip Johnston, working a bulldozer at night to avoid the heat, had paused for a midnight snack, when he first saw the bright light.

"The light was too big for a falling star. It slowed down as it dropped closer to earth and then stopped."

"I got as far from it as I could on the door, because I was a bit scared. I didn't know what it was."

"The light seemed to go behind a hill, so I turned the door lights out, and sat down to eat."

"Then I saw the light come slowly up over the hill. It seemed to focus on me."

"It got brighter and brighter like a welding light until I couldn't look at it any more."

"When I looked down I seemed to be covered in a sort of moonlight glow, lighting me and the door all around me."

"The moon had not come up."

**Good view**

"I was real scared and I felt like crawling under the door to hide."

"The light went out and four red-coloured pilot lights seemed to come toward me and then turn away toward the next farm. They were about 40ft apart."

"Then the white light came on again, brighter than ever."

"It lit up the whole field, like a bright sun. I saw the light about 200 yards away for five or six minutes."

"Then it slowly rose up and banked and straightened out and I saw three or four sets of white vapour trails coming out from it and I got a good view of it outlined against the starry sky."

"It was at least twice as long as our shed — 120ft to 140ft long, but only 5ft or 6ft high, when side on."

"I slowly drove off and disappeared."

"Half an hour later the craft was back. I saw three red lights and a vague shape, rather ghostly, about 600ft in the air above the crop duster plane by us."

"It moved slowly round the valley, and finally, about 10 o'clock, settled over in the mountains about six or seven miles away."

"A string of reddish lights and the bright, white light came on so I could see it, and it stayed there until nearly dawn, and then disappeared."

Severely shaken by his experience, Johnston drove home and told his mother, Mrs Beverley Johnston.

Later he reported it to the police.

He believed that that was the end of the affair.

But the following night the craft re-appeared, this time closer than before.

Here the story is taken up by Mrs Beverley Johnston.

"We were all fast asleep when there was a screech of brakes outside, waking us suddenly," she writes.

"It was Philip. 'I've seen the spaceship again,' he said, and I've smashed my finger up."

"We all jumped out of bed, got a flash camera and piled in the cars."

"Philip's finger had had the nail torn off, and I was trying to fix it with bandages and sticking plaster as we went."

"We charged along at about 70 miles an hour over rough roads, flying from bump to bump."

"About six miles out of town, off to our left, we spotted a bright white light in the bush."

"It could have been a tractor doing an all-night shift, so we didn't stop, but charged on in the direction Philip had seen the thing earlier."

"Unfortunately, when we got there, we saw nothing."

"Disappointed, we went back to the place where the white light had been. There was nothing there either, only bush, and no cotton fields."

Philip explained: "About a quarter to 12 I was coming back to town because I had cut my finger badly on the harrows and it needed attention."

"I was travelling about 30 miles an hour when I caught sight of the white light coming toward us from about a quarter of a mile away."

"It appeared very suddenly and I got quite a fright."

"I knew where it was and I thought it might be the saucer, so I stopped the car and above the harrow torch in its direction, without getting out of the car."

"At this time it was only about 100 yards away from me, moving slowly, parallel to the road."

"I don't know what made me think this, but it seemed to be keeping a deliberate low, as if to avoid detection."

"My torch lit it up quite well. It was at least 160 to 180 feet long and about 6 to 8 feet high of shining metal."

"It was travelling very slowly when I first saw the torch on it, and quite steadily."

"The rear light went out, there was a faint wobble and . . ."

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Sydney, N.S.W. 2/11/66

The craft seen by Philip Johnston was not the same as that recalled by Betty and Barney Hill under hypnosis.

The Hills said they saw "an enormous disc, like a huge pancake." Philip Johnston said he saw a long, fairly slender craft.

However the two "ships" had a great deal in common.

Both shone with a brilliant white light, both moved silently and both were lined by windows.

Johnston, who wrote down details of his experience immediately afterwards, could not have seen the account of the Hills' ordeal at that time. It had not been published anywhere.

"The whole thing lasted three or four minutes, I think. It left me quite shaken."

Johnston reported the new sighting to police, and it became the centre of local heated speculation.

"A lot of people were saying," Mr Johnston said, "that they thought it might have been a boat, and quite a few came forward and told Philip that they had seen the light and things, but they'd been afraid to say anything about it for fear of being laughed at."

"It took Philip to not it off."

"HERALD" Melbourne, Vic. 2/11/66

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"BARRIER TRUTH" Broken Hill, N.S.W.

# The farmer and the flying saucer



This CIA request, made in January 1953, was followed by the promulgation, in August 1953, of Air Force Regulation 200-2, which produced a sharp drop-off in public reporting of Air Force UFO sightings, by forbidding release, at air-base level, of any information on sightings of unidentified aerial phenomena. All sighting reports were to be funnelled through Project Bluebook, where they have been largely categorised as conventional objects with (in my opinion) little attention to scientific considerations. The strictures implicit in AFR 200-2 were made even more severe with the promulgation of JANAP-146, which made any such public release of UFO information at air-base or local-command level (by any of the military services and, under certain circumstances, commercial airlines) a crime punishable with fines up to \$10,000 and imprisonment up to 10 years."

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#### COMMENTS:

Professor McDonald's experience with UFO censorship sheds considerable light on the secrecy campaign. With the R.A.A.F. also involved in this conspiracy, of deception, Australian Ufologists and general public are directly concerned.

This tear in the secrecy blanket occurred when by mistake, written instructions from the CIA were left attached to unclassified UFO reports.

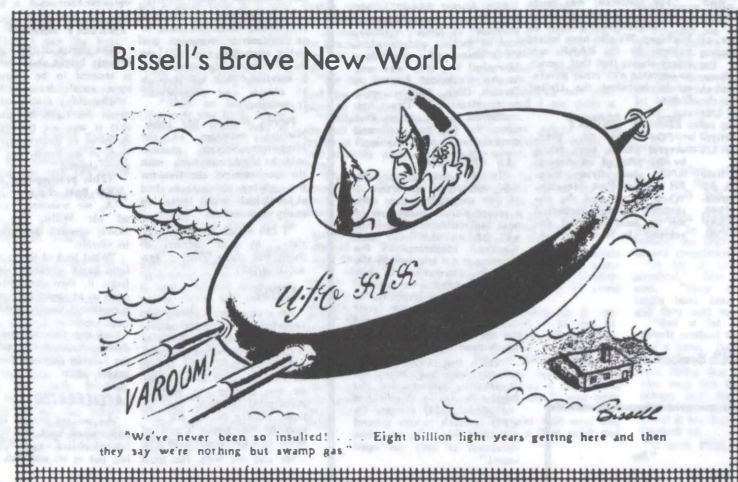
Ruppelt, Keyhoe and others have indicated that project Bluebook personnel were acting under orders from the CIA. This has now been confirmed by the University of Arizona's Senior Physicist, and is certainly a step forward in raising this blanket of secrecy. The incident will, no doubt, have far reaching effects on orthodox scientists everywhere.

It is unfortunate that it requires a mass of sightings as occurred in 1952, to gain any action from "those who command". It is also most regrettable that retro action was taken by stating that these sightings were of local weather phenomena, when these "weather phenomena" were being tracked by radar and being reported from all over the country and indeed, all over the world.

It was found by accident and we learned that, not only did the CIA and the Air Force convene with scientists on the 12th January, 1953, but at that time, they also issued debunking orders which were later reinforced by AFR 200-2 and the subsequent fines and imprisonment for those who violated those orders.

Perhaps this will be the major step forward in the march of progress, ufologically, for which researchers the world over, have been waiting.

J.M. Magee.



## REPORT ON UFO PHOTOGRAPHED AT BALWYN

### A DATA

1. The polaroid photograph with chimney visible in left bottom will be referred to as Photo. 1 in what follows. Enlarged photograph showing the UFO only will be referred to as Photo. 11.
2. The UFO was sighted on 2nd April, 1966, and photographed at 14.21 E.S.T. on that day.  
Focal length of camera at infinity: 6 ins.  
Distance from point at which photograph was taken to peak of chimney (see as on Photo. 1): 81 ft.  
Height of chimney from ground level to peak: 26 ft. 6 ins.  
Distance of chimney to kerbside of road: 56 feet.  
Distance from point at which photograph was taken to kerb side of road: 54 feet.  
(These data were supplied by the photographer.)

### B AUTHENTICITY OF THE POLAROID PHOTOGRAPH

The polaroid photograph and its enlarged copy show no sign of a multiple exposure, montage or any other tampering. No statement can be made, on the basis of clarity, or lack thereof (see Photo. 11), about movement of the object in the sky, because immovable objects in Photo. 1 show signs of moving, i.e. the picture gives evidence of camera movement.

### C EVALUATION OF HEIGHT AND SIZE OF OBJECT IN THE SKY

1. Data deduced directly from Photo. 1:-  
Large (apparent) diameter of UFO: 7 mm  
Small diameter: 4 mm  
Width of chimney: 4.9 mm corresponding to true width of 1 foot 6 inches
2. Calculated from the data in A.2:-  
Distance from subpoint of chimney at ground level to camera: 76 ft. 6 ins
3. Evaluated from attached serial photograph and data in A.2 and C.1, 2:-  
Azimuth of line parallel to kerbside of property:  
 $a_0 = 121^\circ$  (clockwise from due north).  
Azimuth of vertical plane through camera and chimney top:  
 $a_1 = 121^\circ 41'$  (see the diagram).  
Probable error of latter azimuth:  $\pm 2^\circ$   
The ground projection of the cone in which the UFO was located is shown as two red lines on the serial photograph.
4. Elevation angle of UFO:  $28^\circ 36'$ . This has been calculated from the true height of the chimney top, its apparent position in Photo. 1, the relative apparent height of the UFO above chimney top, and the horizontal distance between subpoint of chimney at ground level to camera, i.e. 76'6". (See C. 2 above.)
5. On the basis of item C. 4 the height of the UFO could be determined for an assumed horizontal distance of its subpoint from the camera. Various heights corresponding to various assumed distances are listed in the second column of the table.

HORIZONTAL ASSUMED DISTANCE	HEIGHT (feet)	CALCULATED LARGE DIAMETER (meter)	SMALL DIAMETER
200	109	3.2	1.8
400	218	6.4	3.6
680	371	10.9	6.2
800	436	12.8	7.3
1,000	545	16.0	9.1

TABLE 1.

Continued overleaf.



6. The large and small (actual) diameters of the object could be determined from the assumed distance, the focal length of the camera (see A. 2), the apparent diameters on Photo. 1 (see C.1), and the angle of elevation (see C. 4). Diameters are given in the third and fourth columns of the Table.
7. At the time the photograph was taken, the UFO appeared to have been near the school oval or even closer; not further than above the southern portion of the public park southeast 400 feet. Assuming a circular cross section, the circumference of the UFO at its widest cross section would have been at least 10 m, but possibly as long as 35 m (33 to 115 feet).

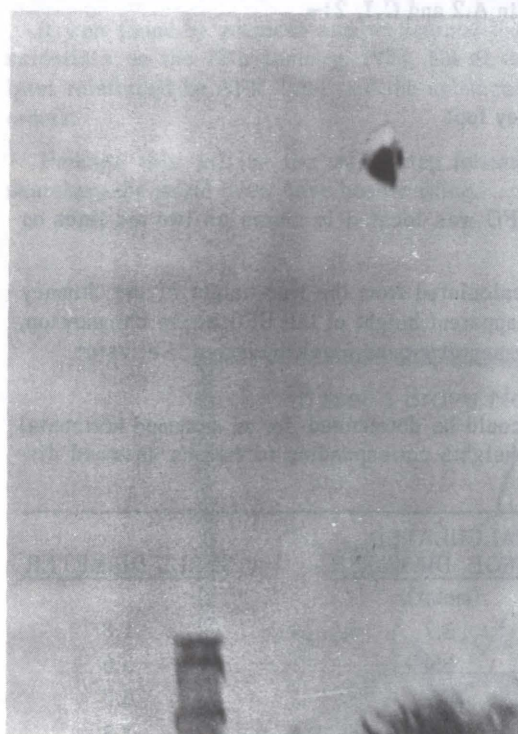
#### D REMARKS ON LIGHT REFLECTIONS FROM THE SURFACE OF THE UFO

"On 2nd April, 1966, the altitude of the sun at 14 hrs 21 mins was  $46^{\circ}45'$  and the azimuth  $45^{\circ}59'$  west of north when observed from Box Hill". This information has been supplied by D.F. Marshall, lecturer at the Observatory, Institute of Applied Science of Victoria.

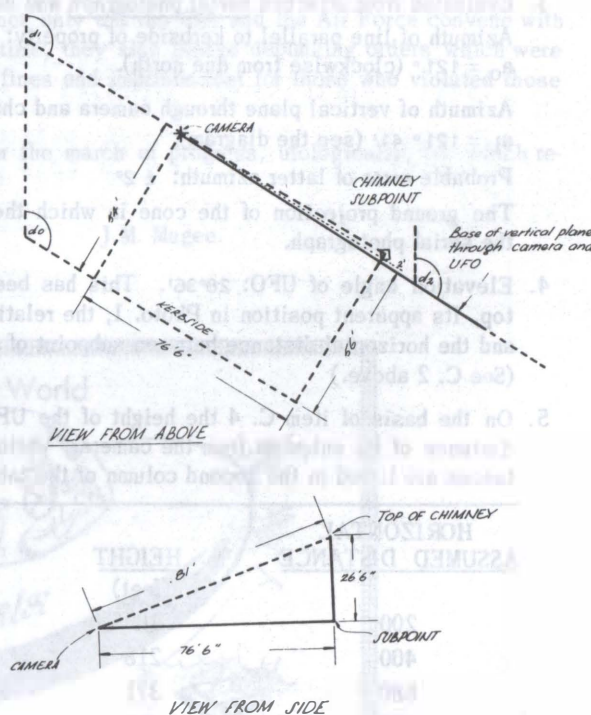
In the here adopted notation, the azimuth of the sun was therefore  $314^{\circ}1'$  (clockwise from north) and its elevation about  $18^{\circ}$  higher than that of the UFO. Providing the sun at the instant of taking the photograph was not obscured by a cloud (and from the photograph it appears that there was sunshine at that instant), it would follow that (i) the UFO exposed to the camera, i.e. not at an angle of  $90^{\circ}$ , but at an angle of  $75^{\circ}$  in the plane of viewing; (ii) that the light came slightly from above, relative to viewing from the camera position.

The effect mentioned in item (i) is not substantiated by any indication of consistent shadows on Photos. 1 or 11.

**FOOTNOTE:** The names and addresses of the authors of statements B, C and D may be supplied on request.



THIS IS A BLACK & WHITE REPRODUCTION TAKEN FROM THE POLAROID COLOUR PHOTOGRAPH.



## FLYING SAUCERS AND HYDROMAGNETIC FIELDS

The following article was presented by one of our subscribers from Denmark, Mr. Hans Lauritzen.

A small part of the universal potential is transformed in the particles of matter into magnetism and other forms of energy thus providing the particles of matter with their rotation. Therefore within the same field of universal potential all stable particles of matter possess the same angular momentum ( $= \text{mass} \times \text{velocity} \times \text{radius}$ ). Consequently the angular momentum of a solar system with planets is nearly the same as of a solar system without planets. The elementary particles consist of a great many vortices of a fixed geometrical structure. When electric vortices of plasma with the same geometrical structure are created, it is possible to draw enormous amounts of energy off the unlimited universal potential. This procedure is used in the magnetohydrodynamic plasma motors propelling the more advanced types of flying saucers. The magnetic columns are usually placed in the centre of the craft.

In the magnetosphere of Earth interactions are taking place between the geomagnetic fields and radiations from the sun (and the planets) creating propagating hydromagnetic shock waves (streaming quasimagnetism) as well as independent stable fields of quasimagnetism of extremely varying forms and dimensions. This is due to the free ions and free electrons (many radiated from the sun), which by the geomagnetic field lines are made to move in traces with such a geometrical form that those previously unknown kinds of magnetism are created. The usually circular stable fields of quasimagnetism are often combined into more complex shapes but certain shapes are more stable than other shapes. Very great fields are often cylindrical, smaller fields can be oblong, and quite small globular fields are seen. They are moving along the magnetic field lines, but turbulences in the magnetosphere can cause them to move nearer to the surface of Earth (atomic explosions, ray cannons, outbursts from the sun often corresponding to certain positions of planets). During the last 20 years the magnetic field of Earth has decreased, and during the latter years the decrease has been about 5% per year. This means that observations of such moving stable quasimagnetic fields will increase in future, as further decrease of the strength of the magnetic field of Earth has been predicted. When the quasimagnetic fields consist of pure quasimagnetism, they are relatively harmless. But when the quasimagnetic fields are locking up static electric fields of high charge, they are very dangerous and can cause death when being touched. Such luminous quasimagnetic fields have of course been observed many times during the ages, and numerous written reports on them have been found. Unfortunately all these things have been kept secret because of the military importance of the use of quasimagnetism.

The phenomena taking place in the magnetosphere are being explored under the Orbiting Geophysical Observatory (OGO) programmes. In the OGO-B Experiments under Magnetic Fields Experiments the Goddard Space Flight Centre is examining and measuring the interaction of the solar and geomagnetic field (magnetopause, shock wave), and local field sources such as ring currents, thus providing an opportunity to study field fluctuations. Rubidium-Vapor and Flux-Gate Magnetometers are used. Data from the experiment will be vital in interpreting and understanding particle measurements obtained by other experiments.

In the OGO-B Experiments under Magnetic Fields Experiments by means of Triaxial Search Coil Magnetometer, the Jet Propulsion Laboratory and University of California in Los Angeles are studying the nature of extremely low frequency variations in the terrestrial geomagnetic field, in the interplanetary field, and in the vicinity of the magnetosphere in order to determine the relationship between fluctuations in these regions of space and the simultaneous variations at the Earth's surface. These studies are important to an understanding of the propagation of hydromagnetic waves and possible particles acceleration mechanisms.

In the OGO-B Experiments under Ionospheric Experiments by means of Spherical Ion and Electron Trap, the Air Force Cambridge Research Laboratory is studying and measuring densities of positively and negatively charged particles, energy distribution of these particles up to one Kev, and the potential of the spacecraft with respect of the undisturbed plasma.

Concluded overleaf.



In the OGO-B Experiments under Ionospheric Experiments by means of Planar Ion and Electron Trap, the Environmental Science Services Administration are undertaking experiments to provide data on low particle densities in the transition region between the ionosphere and interplanetary space. Information is also provided on ion masses, fluxes, directions of particle beams, and polarity and magnitude of the spacecraft potential.

Under Project Magnet the Canadian Government Scientist Mr. Wilbert B. Smith has studied the effects of the hydromagnetic shock waves at the Earth's surface. He used sensitive, magnetic instruments placed in planes in order to find what was called "places with reduced magnetic bindings", because quasimagnetism can cause "black-outs", stop motors thus causing many plane crashes, But it is horrible that this very important information is being kept secret from civil people. This is not worthy of an intelligent civilization.

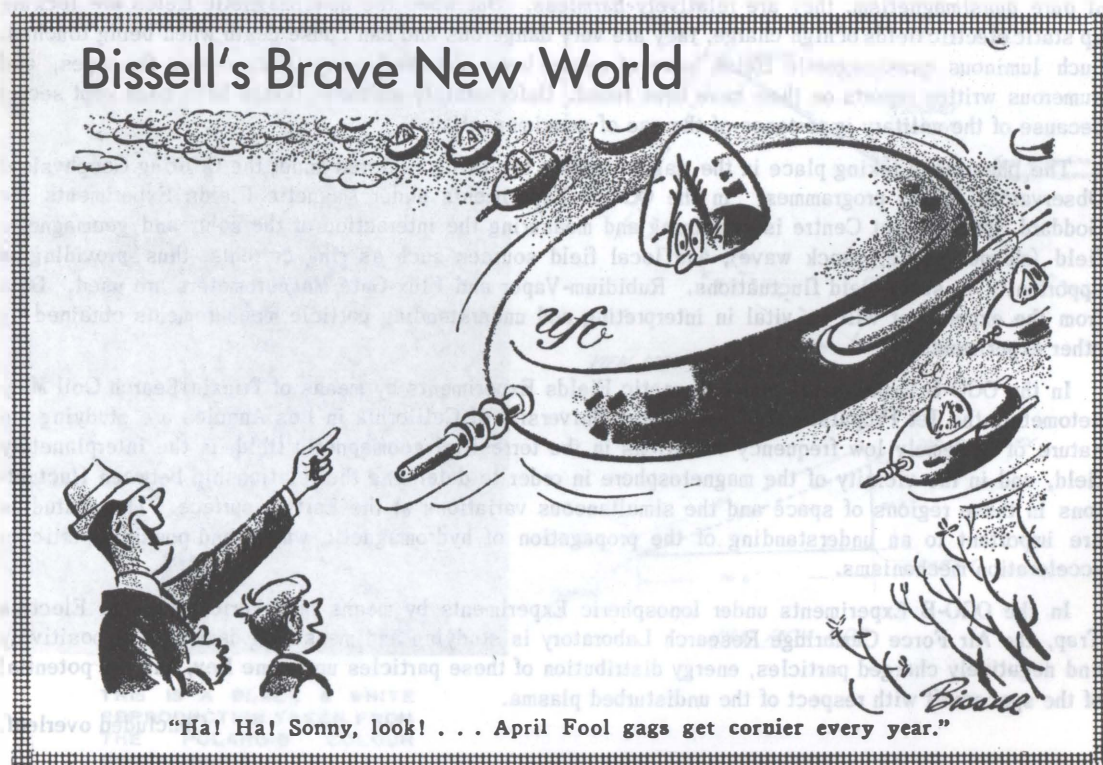
It is well known that the American Air Force has several services occupied with the official research on flying saucers, as for instance the Wright Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, Ohio, and the Holloman Air Force Base in New Mexico. So it is not surprising that several services of the American Air Force making research and use of quasimagnetism for air and space craft are also found there. Let me mention just a few services making use of magnetohydrodynamic plasma:

1. Air Force Missile Development Centre, Holloman AFB., N. Mexico.
2. Aerospace Technical Intelligence Centre, Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio.
3. Foreign Technical Division, Air Force Systems Command, Wright Patterson AFB., Ohio.

(And numerous others.)

It is of the highest importance that all good forces are used to put the secret keeping to a stop as soon as possible, so that the truth can be made public. The truth must be spread to people, who have a certain scientific education and a certain intelligence, as only thus can the responsible authorities be helped out of the disastrous situation in which they have placed themselves due to the long secret keeping. Only in that way can the problem be solved.

Hans Lauritzen.



## BOOK REVIEW.

The recent saucer revival has encouraged publication of a plethora of books on the subject, most of them written with one eye on the publisher's dead-line.

The result is invariably a lack of scientific and factual accuracy. Not so "Anatomy of a Phenomenon", by the distinguished French researcher Jacques Vallee. Mr. Vallee holds degrees in astronomy and mathematics and is a consultant on NASA's "Mars Map" project so he is a particularly well-qualified ufologist.

The opening chapter is devoted to a discussion of the historical aspects of the UFO subject, whilst other chapters narrate leading examples of post-war sightings. The book is more than just a chronicle of sightings past and present, however, and two chapters discuss "the probability of contact with superior galactic communities" and "the need for a new system of Analysis".

The latter chapter is an attempt to bring the subject within the purview of the scientist, and in so far as the recently established Colorado project probably constitutes the first truly scientific enquiry into UFO's, Mr. Vallee's arguments in relation to this subject can be seen to be both timely and of considerable practical value.

The importance of a book of the nature of "Anatomy of a Phenomenon" cannot be over-emphasized at a time when ufology is fighting to gain acceptance as a subject worthy of legitimate scientific investigation. Everyone who is interested in UFO's must not only read the book but should have a copy on his shelves for easy and frequent reference. — P.E. Norris

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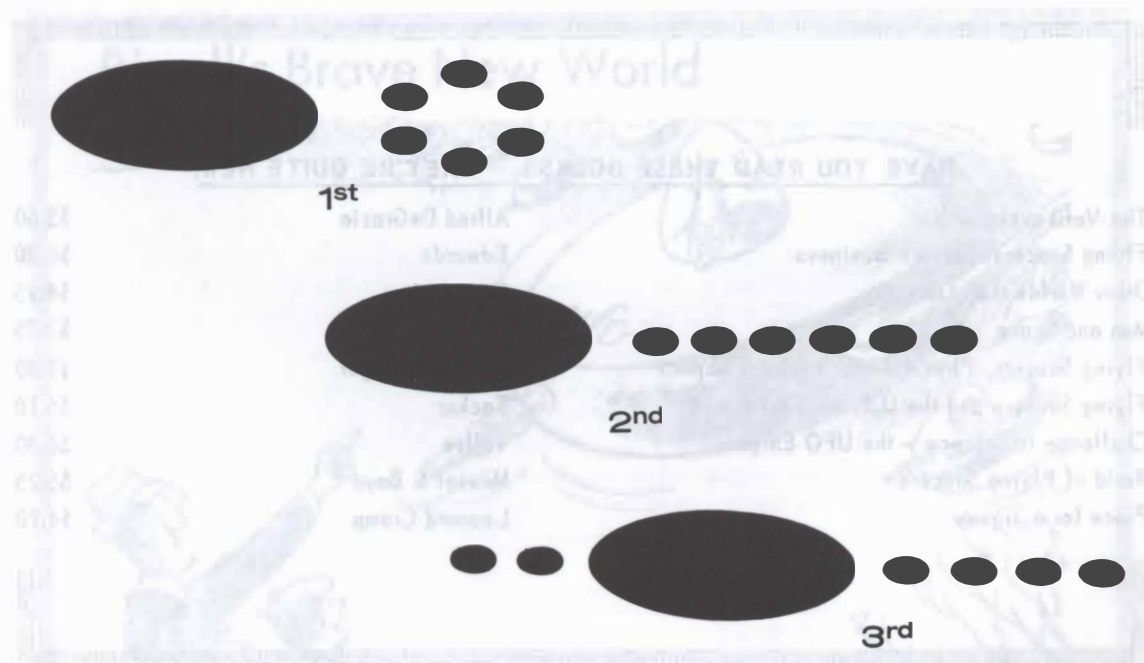
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Approximately 6.30 p.m. on the 27th January, 1959 while bailing a boat out at Green Head anchorage (132 sea miles north of Perth, Western Australia) an object was noticed in the sky over the sea in a S.W. direction and was immediately taken without doubt to be a large aircraft directly approaching. No more notice was taken for a few minutes, but on looking up again the presumed aircraft had come much closer and was stationary, its appearance now was not that of an aircraft but a very large oval shaped object, dark grey to black in colour and while looking, six much smaller objects appeared to the right of it. These objects were not so defined in shape but gave the appearance of a burst of shell fire. All these objects stayed visible for at least five minutes, the largest being last to disappear in the direction it came from. On going ashore a few minutes later, it was told to a crayfisherman and his wife (Mr. and Mrs. K.T. Walton) and on pointing out the direction a small object was again sighted looking like an aircraft a long way off; this gradually came towards us and then stopped, distance would be hard to estimate but would say 5 to 10 miles away and possibly 20,000 ft. high. While looking at this again more objects like aircraft in the distance were noticed. They increased in size and when on a level with the larger object they stopped coming. All these objects stayed for at least 5 minutes then gradually went back into the distance, the larger object being the last to fade away. While discussing this sighting, 5 to 10 minutes later on an object was again noticed in the distance and coming towards us, this sighting was as before with the smaller objects appearing soon after. On each of the three sightings the six smaller objects were in different formation. The three sightings were made over a period of approximately 30 minutes.

My own feelings were that the large object had it been close overhead would have been very large.

These objects appeared as if they were observing the coast and left one with a feeling of fright. There was no noise, light or smoke from any of the objects.



Objects as seen on each occasion at nearest point and approximate comparison in sizes.

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## STOP PRESS

For years the Air Forces of the world have used "explanations" by orthodox science, to ridicule ufologists and disprove flying saucers. Now the Chief UFO Scientific Consultant for the U.S. Air Force has revealed the existence of sightings not so easily explained.

The Saturday Evening Post and Science Magazines have published these disclosures by Dr. Hynek, including his efforts, since 1952, to persuade the Air Force to take a more realistic approach to the problem of unidentified flying objects. He states that "20th century science appears to forget there will be a 21st century science".

Since that time, scientists and astronomers have been jumping from the sinking ship of orthodoxy in increasing numbers, while they still have sufficient strength in their orthodox legs to leap.

### FRONT COVER PHOTO

From time to time, UFO's pace our aircraft. Most such photos are confiscated and never become public. Our front cover photo is one of the few which escaped officialdom.

The Martin B-57 was paced by a flying saucer near Edwards Air Force Base, California. Officials at the Martin Company panicked when the photo came into possession of ufologists. The company which manufactures aircraft for the U.S. Air Force, put out several contradictory statements to add confusion to the incident. With huge sums at stake for Air Force orders it would have been financial bankruptcy, to have followed any other course.

The photo has been analysed and found to be genuine by Ralph Rankow, Photographic Adviser to NICAP.